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SUBJECT: TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS DELHI
DISCUSSES CYPRUS AND NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT

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1. TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER UMIT BAYULKEN VISITED INDIA
AUGUST 21-23 WHILE ON ROUTE BACK TO TURKEY FROM EAST AISA. HE
PAID COURTESY CALLS ON MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SWARAN SINGH
AND PRIME MINISTER GANDHI AND ALSO MET WITH CHIEF PAKISTANI
DELEGATE TO THE CURRENT TALKS, AZIS AHMED, AT TWO DINNERS AND
A LUNCHEON. THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE INDICATED THAT THE TURKISH
GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS FULLY INDIA'S EFFORT TO REACH A PEAXEFUL SETTLE-
MENT OF DISPUTES IN THE SUBCONTINENT. INDIA USED A STANDARD
FORMULATION IN SUPPORTNG EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE CYPRUS QUESTION
WHILE "SAFEGUARDING FULLY THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF THE
TURKISH AND GREEK COMMUNITIES." IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT A TURKISH
DELEGATION, LED BY THE MINISTER OF TRADE, WILL ARRIVE HERE IN
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SEPTEMBER TO SIGN A COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT WITH INDIA. CULTURAL

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TIES ARE TO BE INCREASED.

2. COMMENT: A TURKISH EMBASSY OFFICIAL COMMENTED THAT THE VISIT'S ONLY SIGNIFICANCE WAS THAT IT DEMONSTRATED INDIA'S NEW POLICY OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES WHICH ARE CLOSE FRIENDS OF PAKISTAN. THE COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT PUBLICIZED DURING THE VISIT HAD ACTUALLY BEEN NEGOTIATED IN LATE 1972, AND PROSPECTS FOR AN INCREASE IN TRADE WERE MINIMAL, HE SAID. THE ONLY SUB-STANTIVE ISSUE DISCUSSED WAS THE CYPRUS QUESTION. THE TURKS NOTED THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION HAD SENT A LETTER TO INDIA AS WELL AS TO OTHER COUNTRIES SUGGESTING THAT THE CYPRUS QUESTION SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT MEETING IN ALGIERS. THEY ASKED THAT INDIA OPPOSE SUCH A MOVE. ALTHOUGH SWARAN SINGH AGREED THAT THE CYPRUS QUESTION WAS NOT A PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE TOPIC FOR DEBATE IN THE FORUM, HE WOULD SAY ONLY THAT INDIA WOULD STUDY THE TURKISH POSITION CAREFULLY. RECALLING SINGH'S ACTION IN PUSHING THE GREEK POSITION AT THE 1970 LUSAKA MEETING, THE TURKISH OFFICIAL SAID HE WAS NOT SANGUINE ABOUT INDIAN SUPPORT THIS TIME.
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